

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 233

February 2, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes individuals licensed to carry a handgun to carry the firearm into a restaurant if such establishment has not posted a handgun restriction notice pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-17-1359 and if the individual does not consume alcoholic beverages. A restaurant is defined as an establishment that derives 60 percent or more of its income from food. Authorizes a transient or guest of a transient licensed to carry a handgun to carry the firearm while in the hotel except where alcoholic beverages are served if such establishment has not posted a handgun restriction notice.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease Local Revenue – Not Significant
Decrease Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Currently, possession of a firearm in such establishments is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor.
- There will not be a sufficient decrease in the number of prosecutions for local governments to experience a significant decrease in revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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